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ABSTRACT

This report describes a reentrant, general-purpose routine for the Xerox Data Systems Sigma 5 or Sigma 7 computer with Floating-Point Option. C:READ converts EBCDIC decimal numbers in their normal input forms to hexadecimal numbers in the forms used in the computer. The report explains the need for the routine, describes its capabilities, presents all the information necessary for using it, and outlines its structure. The flow charts and listing are included.

PREFACE

This report describes a conversion routine for the Sigma 5 or Sigma 7 computer with Floating-Point Option. It is written in graded format, to be useful to readers of all levels of interest and sophistication. The general reader, for example, may profitably read the first one or two sections; the casual programmer will want to understand the second and third sections; only a programmer with special requirements will have need for the details of the fourth section, the flow charts and the program listing.

This routine is independent of the computer operating system. It was written in XDS SYMBOL in September 1968 and slightly amplified in April and June 1969.

I. THE PROBLEM

In Sigma computers, numbers are hexadecimal. Let us represent the hexadecimal digits, or "higits," as 0, 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, A, B, C, D, E, and F and indicate a hexadecimal number by X'...'. Then, for example, the number X'1A' is equal to $(1 \cdot 16^1) + (10 \cdot 16^0) = 26$. Normally, numbers are of either word (8-higit) or doubleword (16-higit) length and either fixed point or floating point. A fixed-point number, necessarily integral, is equal to the sum of its higits, each successive higit leftward having been multiplied

by a successively higher power of 16; a floating-point number consists of a two-higit exponent followed by a 6 (or 14)-higit fraction.

Outside computers, numbers are (1) normally decimal, (2) of variable length, and (3) in various formats, e.g., signed or unsigned, with or without point, with or without exponent. Furthermore, (4) they are presented to the computer in EBCDIC (Extended Binary Coded Decimal Interchange Code); in this code, each character is represented by a two-digit number; e.g., '1' is represented as X'F1', and 'E' is X'C5'.

For input to the computer, a routine is necessary to convert numbers of the latter types into the former. The routine should be (1) rapid, (2) brief, (3) versatile enough to satisfy the needs of all programs using it, (4) amenable to convenient use in several ways, (5) capable of readily handling input from each of the usual devices, and (6) able to recognize all user errors and act appropriately. Most importantly, (7) the routine must be reentrant, i.e., while it is being used by a program of given priority, it must be interruptible by one of higher priority and subsequently resumable at the point of interruption; there should be no limit to the number of programs that might thus be sequentially interrupted while using the routine.

II. GENERAL

C:READ satisfies the above requirements. It accepts EBCDIC decimal numbers of various lengths in I, D, E, or F format, signed or unsigned, with or without leading or trailing blanks; it also accepts blank strings as zeros. It converts to short (8-higit) fixed-point or long (16-higit) floating-point numbers; the latter may be used as short numbers by ignoring the eight low-order higits.

The seven additional requirements listed above are abetted by the following: (1) This routine carries out only instructions pertinent to its specific task. It does not employ subroutines. (2) The various tasks use instructions of high commonality. (3) The number to be converted may be at any location and in a variety of forms. The value 5, for example, may appear as 5, 05, 5., +5, +05, +5., 5E0, .5E1, .5E+1, .5E 1, or +50.0E-1, to mention just a few possibilities. If the specified "number" is blank, it is interpreted as zero and the user is so informed. (4) The number may start at the "starting byte count" specified by the user, or it may be preceded by blanks. It may end at the specified "ending byte count" or at a blank; the latter is frequently convenient in that it enables the user to convert a subsequent number without change of specifications. (5) The routine itself recognizes relevant special characters, such as "End-of-Message," thus relieving the user from dealing with them. (6) The routine will reject a request if (a) a specification is illegal, (b) the number is too large or small, (c) the mantissa is too long, (d) a character is invalid, or (e) a sequence is

invalid, e.g., .+, 5+, E., or ++. The user is informed of the reason for the rejection. (7) The vital requirement of reentrancy is attained by carrying out all operations in the computer's registers. Upon interruption of a program, the contents of these registers and the address of the interruption are stored in that program's Program Description Table (PDT); upon return to the program, the registers are restored and execution is resumed at the interrupted instruction. This technique relieves the user of supplying some of his working space to the routine. Inasmuch as probably every real-time program will use this routine, this will result in a major saving of core space.

III. EXTERNAL ORGANIZATION

C:READ has two entry points: DECLREAD for conversion to floating point, and INTGREAD for conversion to fixed point. All exit points branch to the address given by the user in Register 0. The word address of the input field is given in R1, the starting byte count in that field in R2, and the ending byte count in R3. (Bytes are counted 0, 1, 2,) The end of the number may also be indicated prior to the ending byte count by a blank (except after D or E) or by the EOM character. As each byte (i.e., EBCDIC character) is treated, R2 is incremented by 1; it is therefore possible for the user to have several numbers, separated by blanks, in the one field; the user needs to set R2 at only his first entry to the routine -- at each subsequent entry, R2 will already contain the correct starting byte count. If the user tries to read more numbers out of his field than it contains, or if he reads a portion of the field that is blank, the value 0 is returned and R6 is set to 0; reading an actual 0, or any other number, causes a 1 in R6. The routine returns the converted fixed-point number in R5 or the converted floating-point number in R4 and R5. Registers 7, 8, 9, 10, and 11 are also used; the remaining four registers are available to the user. This utilization of registers may be summarized as follows:

Input:

R0	User's	return	address

R1 Field Address

R2 Starting byte count

R3 Ending byte count

Output:

	R2	Next	byte	count
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R4,5 Number from DECLREAD

R5 Number from INTGREAD

R6 0 if pseudo 0 was read

This routine accepts input in a liberalized FORTRAN format. The given number may contain a mantissa, an exponent, or both; in the absence

of a mantissa, the value 1 is supplied. The beginning of the exponent field is indicated by either D or E. (Neither character carries any other implication.) The number may be preceded or followed by any number of blanks; a blank is also permitted immediately after D or E. The first character of the number, and the first character after D or E, may be + or -. If a mantissa is given, it may contain a decimal point. Leading zeros are permitted in both the mantissa and the exponent.

The largest number acceptable for INTGREAD is 2,147,483,640. The largest mantissa for DECLREAD is 72,057,594,037,927,935. The largest number for DECLREAD is 7.2370E75. The smallest number for DECLREAD is 5.3977E-79.

If the user's input is valid, the number is converted and the Condition Code is set to 0. If the input is not valid, the routine aborts to the address in R0 and the Condition Code is set to a value between 1 and 7, as follows:

- l Invalid format in mantissa
- 2 Invalid character in mantissa
- 3 Mantissa too long
 - 4 Invalid format in exponent
 - 5 Invalid character in exponent
 - 6 Number too small
 - 7 Number too large

IV. INTERNAL ORGANIZATION

C:READ has three parts: (1) mantissa evaluation, (2) exponent evaluation, and (3) number development. In Part 1, the first digit of the mantissa is evaluated, multiplied by 10, the second digit added, the RESULT multiplied by 10, etc. In Part 2, the same is done with the exponent. In Part 3, the exponent is reduced by the number of multiplications to the right of the decimal point in Part 1, and RESULT is multiplied (or divided) by 10 that many times. In the first two parts, each byte is interpreted completely before the next byte is examined.

In Part 1, the first byte is first checked for identity to blank, EOM, +, -, ., D, or E. Blank, in this situation, has no effect. EOM indicates the end of the number, now 0, and causes a transfer to Part 3. D or E causes a transfer to Part 2. Reading +, -, or . causes values in certain locations, actually registers, to be changed; these values will control the interpretation of subsequent bytes and are used in the final development. For example, reading - causes the assignments PASS = -1 and MSIGN = -1; PASS = -1 causes abortion if this is the end of the number; MSIGN = -1 prevents the acceptance of a subsequent + or - and, at the very end of the routine, causes complementation of RESULT.

Each byte, when it has been checked as just suggested, and not matched, is checked for identity to the digits. If this match fails, the routine aborts. If it succeeds, the value of the byte has been generated in the double-word DIGIT. For the next stage, the routine diverges: if entry was at INTGREAD, RESULT is simply multiplied by 10 and DIGIT is added; if entry was at DECLREAD, as now shown by a flag set at entry, the same effect is accomplished by a complex series of operations on the doubleword RESULT. If the current digit was at some time preceded by ., DEC < 1 and is now decremented by 1. Finally, in this part, MSIGN is set to +1 if no mantissa sign was read, and PASS is set to +1 to permit normal exit if this is the end of the number.

In Part 2, a series of preliminary tests is first made to check validity, and the mantissa is set to 1 if it did not exist. Each byte is then interpreted, somewhat as in the first part. The first byte may be +, -, blank, or a digit. The result of this part is the fixed-point quantity EXP.

In Part 3, the quantity DEC, if it is negative, is added to EXP. In the remainder of the routine, separate paths are followed for the two types of number. For DECLREAD, RESULT is first converted to floating point; it is then multiplied EXP number of times by 10 if EXP is positive, or divided if EXP is negative. For INTGREAD, RESULT is multiplied or divided by 10 the required number of times in fixed-point mode.

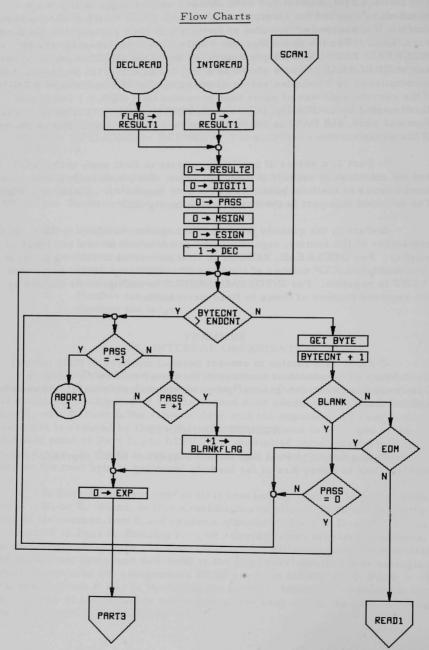
SUMMARY

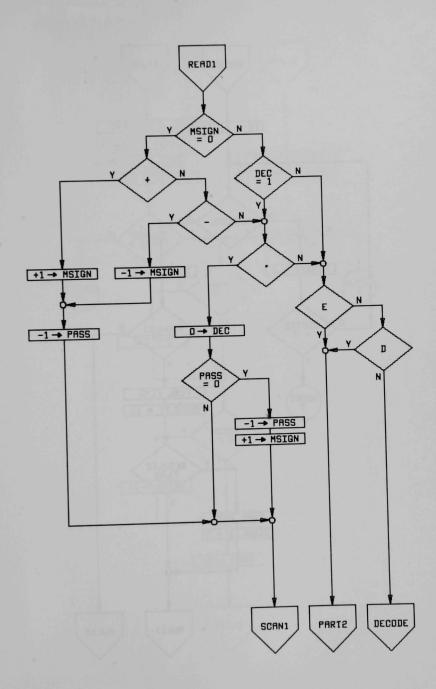
C:READ is a routine to convert decimal numbers in their normal input forms to hexadecimal numbers in the forms used in the computer. The routine is reentrant, general-purpose, convenient, accurate, economical, and fail-safe.

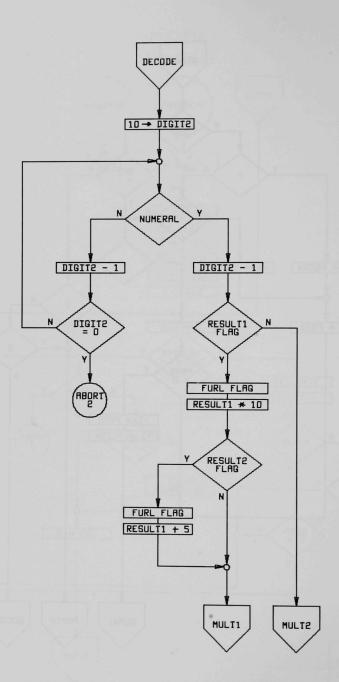
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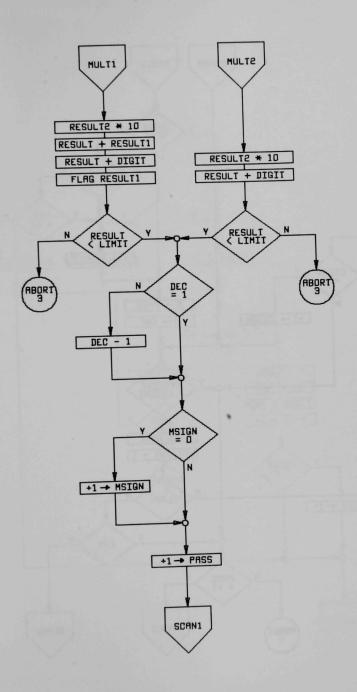
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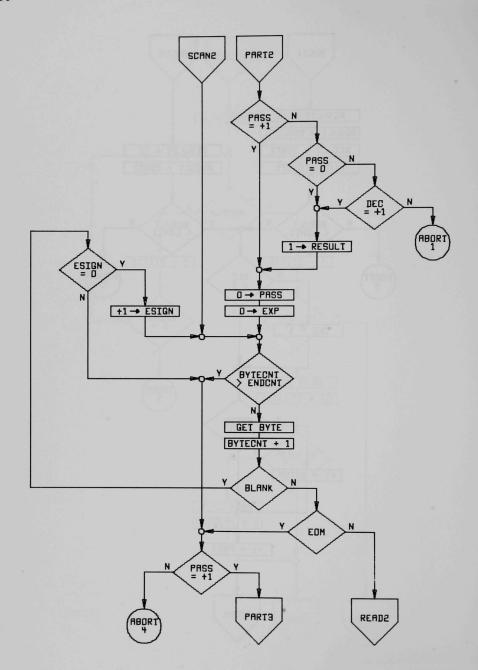
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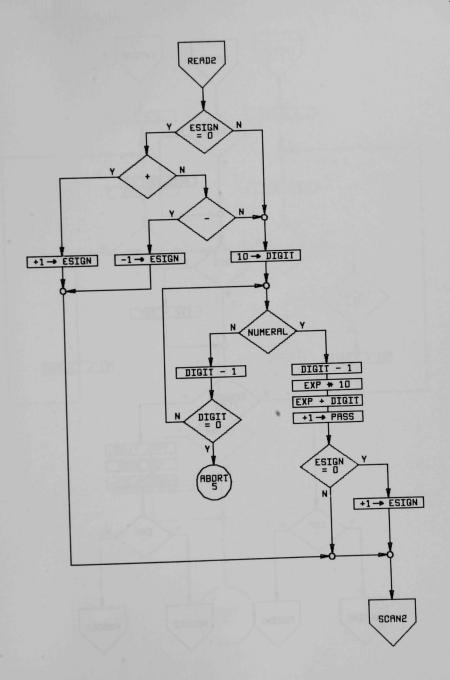


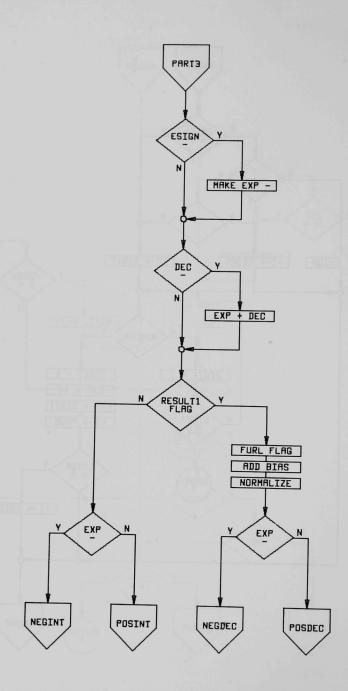


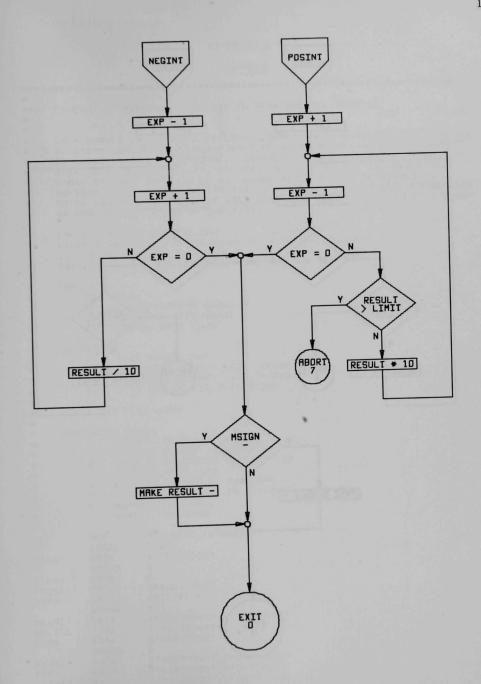


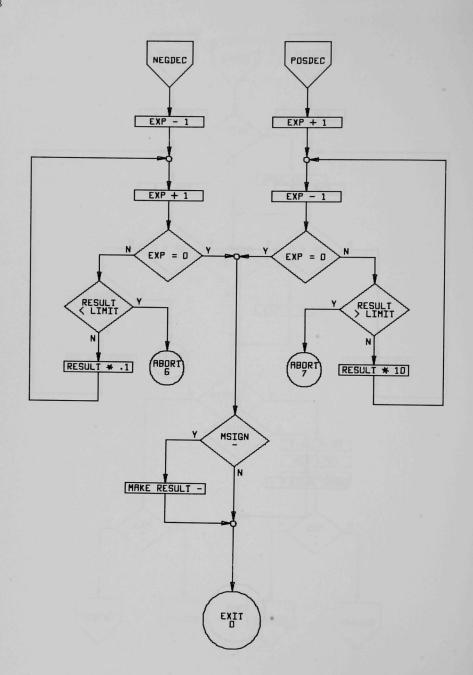












APPENDIX B

Listing

REENTRANT ROUTINE TO READ DECIMAL NUMBERS C:READ

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EACH NUMBER IN A USER'S FIELD IS CONVERTED TO A HEXADECIMAL NUMBER. DECLREAD CONVERTS TO LONG-FORMAT FLOATING POINT; INTGREAD CONVERTS TO SHORT-FORMAT FIXED-POINT. EXAMPLES OF VALID INPUT DECIMAL NUM-BERS ARE: 5, 05, 5., +5, E5, E+5, +E+5, +05.E+5, AND BLANK (=0). D MAY BE USED IN PLACE OF E. BLANK AFTER E OR D SIGNIFIES +. AN INVALID CHARACTER OR COMBINATION CAUSES THAT NUMBER'S CONVERSION TO BE ABORTED. THE END OF EACH USER NUMBER IS INDICATED BY A BLANK OR EOM OR THE ENDING OF THE FIELD.

LARGEST NUMBER FOR INTGREAD IS 2147483640 LARGEST MANTISSA FOR DECLREAD IS 72057594037927935 LARGEST NUMBER FOR DECLREAD IS 7.2370E75 SMALLEST NUMBER FOR DECLREAD IS 5.3977E-79

INPUT:

RO BA1

FIELD ADDRESS (WORD) R1

STARTING BYTE COUNT R2

ENDING BYTE COUNT R3

OUTPUT:

R2 NEXT BYTE COUNT

84.5 CONVERTED NUMBER FROM DECLREAD

CONVERTED NUMBER FROM INTGREAD

O IF END OF FIELD IS BLANK

R7-11 ARE ALSO USED

CONDITION CODE:

NUMBER CONVERTED 0

INVALID FORMAT IN MANTISSA INVALID CHARACTER IN MANTISSA

MANTISSA TOO LONG

INVALID FORMAT IN EXPONENT

INVALID CHARACTER IN EXPONENT

NUMBER TOO SMALL

NUMBER TOO LARGE

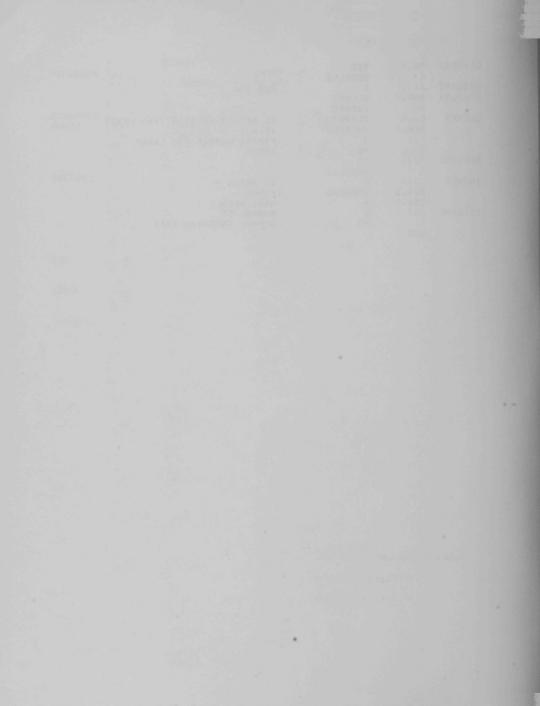
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*	DEF	DECLREAD, INTGREAD		
	LOCAL	BIAS		
FTABU	DATA	X'7F000000'		
	BOUND	8		
ITABU	DATA	0		
HIGHBIT	DATA	X.80000000.		
BITOFF	DATA	X'7FFFFFFF'		
BITOT	BOUND	8		
ILIMIT	DATA	x.00000000. x.occcccc.		
DECTBL	TEXT	0123456789'		
BIAS	DATA	X'4E000000'		
BIAS	BOUND	8		
FRONE	DATA	X'40199999',X'9999999A'		
FPONE	DATA	X'41A00000',X'0000000'		
FTEN	DATA	X'00000000',X'00000000'		
LLIMIT	DATA	X'7F199999',X'99999999'		

```
TEN
          DATA
                    10
 DECLREAD LW.4
                    HIGHBIT
                                    RESULTI; ENTRY FOR FLOATING-POINT
                    CLEAR
 INTGREAD
          LI.4
                    0
                                    RESULT1; ENTRY FOR FIXED-POINT
 CLEAR
          LI,5
                    0
                                    RESULT2
          LI.6
                    0
                                   H.O. DIGIT; PASS; DIGIT; BLANK FLAG
          LI,7
                    0
                                    PASS; L.O. DIGIT; EXP
          LI,8
                    0
                                    MSIGN
          LI,9
                    0
                                    ESIGN
          LI,10
                                    DEC
 SCAN1
          CW, 3
                                    IS FIELD ENDED
          BCS,1
                    EXIT1
                                    END OF FIELD
          LB,11
                    *1,2
                                    TAKE BYTE FOR INTERPRETATION
          AI.2
                                    INCREMENT BYTE COUNT
          CI,11
                                    IS BYTE BLANK
          BCS,3
                    NOBLANK
                                    IF NOT BLANK
          CI.7
                    0
                                    IS PASS=0
          BCR.3
                    SCAN1
                                    IF PASS=0
 EXIT1
          C1,7
                    0
          BCS,1
                    *0
                                   IF PASS=-1, ABORT (CC=1)
          BCR,2
                    SETEXP
                                   IF PASS=0
          LI,6
                    1
                                   BLANKFLAG
 SETEXP
          LI,7
                    0
                                    SET EXP=0
                    PART3
 NOBLANK
          CI,11
                    X . 08.
                                   CHECK FOR EOM
          BCR.3
                    EXIT1
                                   IF EOM
          CI.8
                                   IS MSIGN=0
          BCS,3
                    YESSIGN
                                    IF SIGN EXISTS
          CI,11
                    1+1
                                    IF NO PRIOR SIGN: CHECK FOR +
          BCS,3
                    NEGCHECK
                                    IF NOT +
          LI,8
                                    IF +
PASSNO
          LI,7
                    -1
                                    SIGN FOUND, NO DIGIT
                    SCANI
                                    TAKE ANOTHER BYTE
NEGCHECK CI,11
                    1-1
                                    CHECK FOR -
          BCS.3
                    DECCHECK
                                    IF NOT -
          LI,8
                   -1
                                    IF -
          В
                    PASSNO
YESSIGN
          CI,10
                                    IS DEC=+1
          BCS.3
                   ECHECK
                                   IF . EXISTS
DECCHECK CI.11
                    1.1
                                   CHECK FOR .
          BCS,3
                   ECHECK
                                   IF NOT .
          LI,10
                   0
                                   IF .
          CI,7
                   0
                                   IS PSSS=0
          BCS,3
                   SCAN1
                                   IF PASS NOT O
         LI,7
                   -1
                                   . FOUND, NO DIGIT
         LI.8
                   1
                                   AS IF + FOUND
         B
                   SCAN1
ECHECK
         CI,11
                   .E.
                                   CHECK FOR E
         BCR.3
                   PART2
                                   IF E
         CI,11
                   .D.
                                  CHECK FOR D
         BCR.3
                   PART2
                                  IF D
         LI,7
                   10
                                   DIGIT INDEX
HUNT 1
         CB,11
                   DECTBL,7
                                   CHECK FOR DIGIT
         BCR,3
                   DECODE1
                                   IF DIGIT
         BDR,7
                   HUNT1
                                   IF NOT DIGIT
         LCI
                                   ERROR: INVALID MANTISSA CHARACTER
         В
                   *0
                                   ABORT
DECODE 1
         AI,7
                   -1
                                   DIGIT
         LW, 11
                   4
                                   HIGH-ORDER BITS OF RESULT
```

```
IF INTEGER
                   INTG1
         BCR,1
                                   REMOVE FLAG
                   BITOFF
         AND, 11
                                   HIGH-ORDER PRODUCT
                   10
         MI.11
                                   SIGN FLAG
                   HIGHBIT
         CW.5
                                    IF ABSENT
                   LOWMULT
         BCR,4
                   BITOFF
                                   REMOVE FLAG
         AND,5
                                    A*8
                   5
          AI,11
                                    LOW-ORDER PRODUCT IN R4,R5
                   10
LOWMULT
         MI . 4
                                    TOTAL PRODUCT IN R4, R5
          AW . 4
                   11
                                    PRODUCT DOUBLEWORD + DIGIT DOUBLEWORD
          AD,4
                   6
                                    REPLACE FLOATING-POINT FLAG
                   HIGHBIT
          OR , 4
                                    IS HIGH BYTE EMPTY
                   FTABU
          CW . 4
                                    IF EMPTY
                   DECSHIFT
          BCR+4
                                    ERROR: MANTISSA OVERFLOW
          LCI
                    3
                                    ABORT
                    *0
          В
                                    PRODUCT IN R4.5
          MI , 4
                    10
INTG1
                                    PRODUCT + DIGIT
          AD . 4
                    6
                                    IS RESULT WITHIN LIMIT
                    ITABU
          CD,4
                                    IF WITHIN
                    DECSHIFT
          BCS,1
                                    ERROR: MANTISSA OVERFLOW
                    3
          LCI
                                    ABORT
                    *0
                                    DOES . EXIST
DECSHIFT CI,10
                    1
                                    IF NO .
                    MSIGNCHK
          BCR,3
                                    SHIFT .
          AI . 10
                    -1
                                    IS MSIGN=0
 MSIGNCHK CI,8
                    0
                                     IF SIGN EXISTS
                    PASSYES
          BCS.3
                                    AS IF + FOUND
                    1
          LI.8
                                    DIGIT FOUND
                    1
 PASSYES
          LI . 7
                                    (END PART ONE)
                    SCAN1
          В
                                    WAS DIGIT FOUND
          CI,7
                    1
 PART2
                                     IF DIGIT FOUND
                    NOPASS
          BCR.3
                                     IS MANTISSA BLANK
                    0
          CI.7
                                     IF MANTISSA BLANK
                    SETMAN
           BCR.3
                                     WAS . FOUND
                    1
           CI,10
                                    IF . FOUND, ABORT (CC=1)
                    *0
           BCS.1
                                     SET MANTISSA=1
           LI.5
                     1
 SETMAN
                                     PASS
           LI,6
                    0
 NOPASS
                                     EXP
                    0
           LI,7
                                     IS FIELD ENDED
                     2
           CW.3
 SCAN2
                                     IF FIELD NOT ENDED
                     GETBYTE
           BCR.1
                                     WAS DIGIT FOUND
 EXIT2
           CI,6
                                     IF DIGIT IN EXPONENT
                     PART3
           BCR,3
                                     ERROR: INVALID EXPONENT FORMAT
           LCI
                     4
                                     ABORT
                     *0
                                     TAKE BYTE FOR INTERPRETATION
           В
                     *1.2
 GETBYTE
           LB,11
                                     INCREMENT BYTE COUNT
           A1.2
                     1
                                     IS BYTE BLANK
                     . .
           CI,11
                                    IF BLANK
                     SUPPLUS
           BCR,3
                                    CHECK FOR EOM
                     X'08'
           CI,11
                                    IF EOM
                     EXIT2
           BCR.3
                                     IS ESIGN=0
                     0
           CI,9
                                     IF SIGN EXISTS
                     DIGCHECK
           BCS,3
                                     CHECK FOR +
                     1+1
           CI,11
                                     IF NOT +
                     MINCHECK
           BCS.3
                                     SET ESIGN=+
           LI,9
                     SCAN2
            B
                                    DOES ESIGN EXIST
           CI .9
                     0
  SUPPLUS
                                    IF ESIGN EXISTS
                     EXIT2
                                    MAKE ESIGN + (BLANK = SUPPRESSED +)
            BCS.3
            L1.9
                     1
```

MINCHECK	В	SCAN2	CHECK FOR
MINCHECK	BCS,3	DIGCHECK	CHECK FOR - IF NOT -
	LI,9	-1	SET ESIGN=-
	В	SCAN2	321 231014-
DIGCHECK		10	DIGIT INDEX
HUNT2	CB,11	DECTBL,6	CHECK FOR DIGIT
	BCR,3	DECODE2	IF DIGIT
	BDR,6	HUNT2	IF NOT DIGIT
	LCI	5	ERROR: INVALID EXPONENT CHARACTER
	В	*0	ABORT
DECODE 2	AI,6	-1	DIGIT
	MI,7	10	EXP * 10
	AW, 7	6	EXP + DIGIT
	LI,6	1	SET PASS=1
	CI,9	0	IS ESIGN=0
	BCS,3	SCAN2	IF SIGN EXISTS
	LI,9	1	SET ESIGN=1
	В	SCAN2	(END OF PART TWO)
PART3	CI,9	0	IS ESIGN -
	BCR,1	DECNEG	IF NOT -
	LCW,7	7	MAKE EXP -
DECNEG	CI,10	0	IS DEC -
	BCR,1	DECORINT	IF NOT -
	AW,7	10	ADJUST FOR DECIMAL SHIFT
DECORINT		HIGHBIT	FLOATING FLAG
	BCR,4	INTG2	IF INTEGER
	AND,4	BITOFF	REMOVE FLAG
	OR,4	BIAS	BIAS = 64+14
	SFL,4	13	NORMALIZE
	CI,7	0	IS EXP -
	BCR,1	PUSEXP	IF NOT -
NECOLO	AI,7	-1	FOR BIR
NEGBLD	BIR,7	LLCHK	
LLCHK	B	MANNEG	IS DESIRED LESS THAN A DUED A THE
LLCHK	CD,4 BCR,1	LLIMIT DIVTEN	IS RESULT LESS THAN LOWER LIMIT
	LCI	6	IF NOT
	В	*0	ERROR: NUMBER TOO SMALL
DIVTEN	FML,4	FPONE	DIVIDE RESULT BY TEN
DIVICA	8	NEGBLD	RECYCLE
POSEXP	AI,7	1	FOR BDR
POSBLD	BDR.7	ULCHK	CYCLE
MANNEG	CI.8	0	IS MSIGN -
	BCR.1	DECLEND	IF NOT -
	LCD,4	4	MAKE NEGATIVE
DECLEND	LCI	0	NORMAL CC
	В	*0	NORMAL DECLREAD EXIT
ULCHK	CD,4	ULIMIT	IS RESULT GREATER THAN UPPER LIMIT
	BCR,2	MULTEN	IF NOT
	LCI	7	ERROR: NUMBER TOO LARGE
	В	*0	ABORT
MULTEN	FML,4	FTEN	MULTIPLY RESULT BY TEN
	В	POSBLD	
INTG2	CI,7	0	IS EXP -
	BCR,1	POSEXPI	IF NOT -
	AI,7	-1	FOR BIR
NEGBLDI	BIR,7	DIVTENI	
	В	INTNEG	

DIVTENI	DW,5	TEN NEGBLDI	
POSEXPI	AI . 7	1	FOR BDR
POSBLDI	BDR.7	ULCHKI	
	В	INTNEG	IS RESULT GREATER THAN LIMIT
ULCHKI	CD,4	ILIMIT	IF NOT
	BCR,2	MULTENI	ERROR: NUMBER TOO LARGE
	LCI	7	ABORT
	В	*0	ADUKI
MULTENI	MI,4	10	
	В	POSBLDI	TE HETCH -
INTNEG	CI.8	0	IS MSIGN -
	BCR,1	INTGEND	IF NOT -
	LCW.5	5	MAKE RESULT -
INTGEND	LCI	0	NORMAL CC
	В	*0	NORMAL INTGREAD EXIT
	END		





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